

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting March 25, 2008 Minutes 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Chesapeake Community College		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Follow-up
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of AIDS Administration Staff and Participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim Meagher, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The host for the meeting from AIDS Administration Leigh Carels, explained the survey and made announcements. Tim gave the introductions and agenda's were given out. The regional advisory committee's purpose was explained. 	N/A
Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of RAC Meeting Purpose Evaluation Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim and Mary Yancey from the Queen Anne's County Health Department provided overview of the RAC process. 	N/A
Policy Update Heather Hauck, Director, AIDS Administration and William Honablew, Jr., Chief, Office of Public Policy and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Hauck and William Honablew, Jr. presented information on policy updates (Power Point Presentation given). William and Heather also answered questions from attendees on state policy and explained the processes that go along with state policies. In addition, reviewed federal and state laws relating to the issues at hand. 	Tim Meagher made points to urge attendees (non AIDS Administration) to get involved and lobby as well as vote to better policies and laws for the future.
Epidemiology Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Flynn, Chief, Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology, AIDS Administration, MD Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Flynn presented information on the HIV/AIDS numbers in the Eastern regions (Distributed Copy of Power Point Presentation). Colin also answered questions on the information found in his slides. You can visit the web site at www.dhmhstate.md.us/AIDS/ to find more information regarding slide topics. 	N/A
Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Corner Announcements Evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestions were made on improving meeting notifications. Patti Beauchamp explained the struggles and barriers for regional support groups: transportation, support for family or friends, additional funding, etc. Ruth Burke announced future meeting dates: May 20th, September 16th, and October 28th. All meetings 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Evaluations were handed out. 	Evaluation results will be shared in the future.

